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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: I. URATANI et al (See Attached List)

For:
STORAGE SYSTEM

Enclosed are:



3 Sheets of Drawings



This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.



Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2001-091635
filed March 28, 2001. A certified copy is attached herewith.



Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and
 discussed in the specification or attached Information Disclosure Statement.



A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.



Specification: Abstract , Description 11 pages; and 6 claim(s).



Preliminary Amendment.



Executed Declaration.

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